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SUBJECT: POLADS STUDY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

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AT JUNE 10 MEETING, POLADS TENTATIVELY APPROVED, WITH SLIGHT EDITORIAL CHANGES, FIRST TEN PARAGRAPHS OF IS PAPER ON PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE (REF B). COMMITTEE ACCEPTED U.S. REP'S PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES AS PER PARA 2, REF A. AT FRG SUGGESTION, HOWEVER, OPEINNG PHRASE IN PAPER'S PARA 4 SLIGHTLY WEAKENED TO READ "INATTEMPTING TO ELABORATE 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE' AS PART OF A LEGAL SYSTEM, THE SOVIETS PURPORT TO..." AT BRITISH INSISTENCE, TITLE OF PAPER

NOW READS "THE SOVIET UNION AND THE CONCEPT OF 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE'".

2. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, COMMITTEE RE-DRAFTED PARAGRAPH 11 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"DURING THE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, ALL DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE' MUST NOT BE ACCORDED THE STATUS OF A PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. MOST OF THEM WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO IMPLY ANY FORMAL EAST-ERN APPROVAL OF VARIOUS SOVIET DEFINITIONS OF 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE' BECAUSSE IT WOULD BE ILLUSORY TO THINK THAT, WHAT EVER THE COSMETICS OF PRESENTATION, THE WEST COULD BRING THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES TO A CONCEPT OF 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE' DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH THE SOVIETS

HAVE ALWAYS DEFENDED. OTHER DELEGATIONS MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MIGHT BE ADVANTAGE IN SOME BILATERAL CONTEXTS IN ATTACHING AN ACCEPTABLE DEFINITION TO THE CONCEPT, PARTICULARLY IF THIS WOULD SERVE TO SECURE PUBLIC SOVIET COMMITMENT TO THE PROPOSITION THAT 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE' SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO RELATIONS BETWEEN "SOCIALIST STATES". THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE CONCEPTS OF DETENTE, ENTENTE AND CO-OPERATION, WHICH ARE COMPLEMENTARY , SHOULD BE FAVOURED OVER THE AMBIGUOUS CONCEPT OF 'PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.'

3.COMMENT: NEW LAST PARAGRAPH IS IN OUR VIEW A FAIRLY ACCURATE SUMMING UP OF VARIOUS ALLIES' POSITIONS ON " PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AND WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR JUNE 17 POLADS.
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